# Saskatchewan Consumer Price Index

March 2016

According to Statistics Canada, the Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index increased 0.8 percent between February 2016 and March 2016 while the Canada All-items Index advanced 0.6 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index rose 1.0 percent and 0.8 percent during the same period.

In Saskatchewan, the March All-items Index increased from February 2016 primarily due to higher prices for gasoline; purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles; women's clothing; men's clothing; and non-alcoholic beverages.

Moderating these increases were lower prices for fresh vegetables; non-electric kitchen utensils, tableware and cookware; dairy products; furniture; and preserved vegetables and vegetable preparations.

The Saskatchewan All-items Consumer Price Index advanced 1.3 percent between March 2015 and March 2016 while the Canada All-items Index increased 1.3 percent. The Regina and Saskatoon All-items Consumer Price Index climbed 1.1 percent and 1.5 percent, respectively, during the same period.

The March All-items Index increased from March 2015 primarily due to higher prices for purchase and leasing of passenger vehicles; homeowners' home and mortgage insurance; water; passenger vehicle parts, maintenance and repairs; and property taxes and other special charges.

These increases were partially offset by lower prices for gasoline; natural gas; recreational equipment and services (excluding recreational vehicles); homeowner's replacement cost; and men's clothing.

For more details, contact the Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics at (306) 787-6335 or visit www.stats.gov.sk.ca

## ALL-ITEMS CONSUMER PRICE INDEX SASKATCHEWAN AND CANADA

| | Index (2002 = 100) | | | Percent Change | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Mar-2016 | Feb-2016 | Mar-2015 | Feb-2016 to Mar-2016 | Mar-2015 to Mar-2016 |
| **SASKATCHEWAN** | | | | | |
| All-Items | 132.2 | 131.1 | 130.5 | 0.8 | 1.3 |
| Food | 146.5 | 145.9 | 141.9 | 0.4 | 3.2 |
| Shelter | 160.1 | 160.2 | 157.8 | -0.1 | 1.5 |
| Household Operations, Furnishings and Equipment | 114.3 | 114.0 | 112.3 | 0.3 | 1.8 |
| Clothing and Footwear | 100.8 | 98.0 | 102.0 | 2.9 | -1.2 |
| Transportation | 120.5 | 117.3 | 120.0 | 2.7 | 0.4 |
| Health and Personal Care | 121.0 | 120.5 | 118.6 | 0.4 | 2.0 |
| Recreation, Education and Reading | 112.1 | 112.0 | 111.2 | 0.1 | 0.8 |
| Tobacco and Alcohol | 165.1 | 165.1 | 161.0 | 0.0 | 2.5 |
| All-Items Excluding Energy | 132.6 | 132.0 | 129.8 | 0.5 | 2.2 |
| Energy | 124.9 | 117.2 | 135.4 | 6.6 | -7.8 |
| **CANADA** | | | | | |
| All-Items | 127.9 | 127.1 | 126.3 | 0.6 | 1.3 |
| Food | 144.5 | 145.0 | 139.5 | -0.3 | 3.6 |
| Shelter | 134.8 | 134.7 | 133.3 | 0.1 | 1.1 |
| Household Operations, Furnishings and Equipment | 121.4 | 121.0 | 119.4 | 0.3 | 1.7 |
| Clothing and Footwear | 96.0 | 92.1 | 96.4 | 4.2 | -0.4 |
| Transportation | 125.3 | 123.7 | 126.6 | 1.3 | -1.0 |
| Health and Personal Care | 121.4 | 121.5 | 119.5 | -0.1 | 1.6 |
| Recreation, Education and Reading | 110.9 | 109.6 | 108.7 | 1.2 | 2.0 |
| Tobacco and Alcohol | 156.2 | 155.2 | 150.7 | 0.6 | 3.6 |
| All-Items Excluding Energy | 126.9 | 126.2 | 124.3 | 0.6 | 2.1 |
| Energy | 138.1 | 134.6 | 149.8 | 2.6 | -7.8 |
| **REGINA** | | | | | |
| All-Items | 132.9 | 131.6 | 131.4 | 1.0 | 1.1 |
| **SASKATOON** | | | | | |
| All-Items | 132.7 | 131.6 | 130.7 | 0.8 | 1.5 |

Note: These indices measure the percent change in consumer prices within each geographic area. The indices do not compare price levels between Saskatchewan, Canada, Regina or Saskatoon.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Consumer Price Index Survey*
Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

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**PERCENT CHANGE**
**CANADA AND PROVINCES**

| | 2/1/2016 Percent Change | |
|---|---|---|
| | Feb-2016 to Mar-2016 | Mar-2015 to Mar-2016 |
| Canada | 0.6 | 1.3 |
| Newfoundland | 0.5 | 1.1 |
| Prince Edward Island | 0.5 | 0.3 |
| Nova Scotia | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| New Brunswick | 0.4 | 1.1 |
| Quebec | 0.4 | 0.7 |
| Ontario | 0.6 | 1.5 |
| Manitoba | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Saskatchewan | 0.8 | 1.3 |
| Alberta | 0.9 | 1.5 |
| British Columbia | 0.8 | 1.7 |
| Whitehorse | 0.4 | 1.0 |
| Yellowknife | 0.5 | 1.7 |
| Iqaluit | 0.3 | 2.5 |

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**PERCENT CHANGE**
**CANADIAN CITIES**

| | Percent Change | |
|---|---|---|
| | Feb-2016 to Mar-2016 | Mar-2015 to Mar-2016 |
| St. John's | 0.5 | 0.9 |
| Charlottetown-Summerside | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Halifax | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Saint John | 0.4 | 1.2 |
| Quebec City | 0.4 | 0.6 |
| Montreal | 0.3 | 0.8 |
| Ottawa | 0.6 | 1.0 |
| Toronto | 0.7 | 1.9 |
| Thunder Bay | 0.6 | 1.5 |
| Winnipeg | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Regina | 1.0 | 1.1 |
| Saskatoon | 0.8 | 1.5 |
| Edmonton | 1.1 | 1.6 |
| Calgary | 0.8 | 1.4 |
| Vancouver | 1.0 | 2.1 |
| Victoria | 0.8 | 1.5 |
| Whitehorse | 0.4 | 1.0 |
| Yellowknife | 0.5 | 1.7 |
| Iqaluit | 0.3 | 2.5 |

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